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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: 61ST ECOSOC: U.S. PROPOSAL ON ILLICIT PAYMENTS

REF: (A) STATE 179170, (B) PRAGUE 1757 (NOTAL),
(C) PRAGUE 1491 (NOTAL)

1. EMBASSY PREVIOUSLY UNABLE TO OBTAIN MINISTRY FOREIGN AFFAIRS APPOINTMENT TO MAKE REPRESENTATION PER REF (A) BECAUSE MFA INSISTED WE AWAIT RETURN FROM VACATION OF GABRIEL, DEPUTY HEAD, INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORGANIZATIONS DEPARTMENT.

2. ON JULY 30, GABRIEL FINALLY RECEIVED E/C COUNSELOR, WHO RAISED POINTS CONTAINED REF (A) AND STRESSED USG DESIRE THAT ECOSOC NOT MODIFY OUR PROPOSAL TO DRAFT ILLICIT PAYMENTS AGREEMENT. GABRIEL MADE VAGUELY ENCOURAGING COMMENTS THAT GOC DELEGATE SCHMIDT WOULD COOPERATE WITH U.S., REPEATING VIEWS REPORTED EARLIER (REF (C)). HE THEN SAID THAT GOC POSITION MUST BE "HARMONIZED" WITH THOSE OF OTHER "SOCIALIST" COUNTRIES AND NOTED THAT HE DID NOT YET KNOW WHAT THOSE POSITIONS WOULD BE.

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3. COMMENT: OBVIOUSLY GOC POSITION

CARBON-COPY OF SOVIET AND OTHER EAST EUROPEAN
VIEWS. WHETHER GOC WILL HELP OR HINDER USG
PROPOSAL WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE DECIDED OUTSIDE
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